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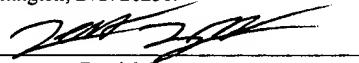
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled "**EXTERNAL INTERFACE FOR REQUESTING DATA FROM REMOTE SYSTEMS IN A GENERIC FASHION**" -- Steven E. Bierenbaum

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a title page, a 51 page specification, 15 pages of claims (Claims 1-28), and a one page abstract. In addition, we have also included formal drawings (Figures 1a - 30) on 36 sheets. The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of Steven E. Bierenbaum for the above-entitled invention.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventor Declaration and filing fees. Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicant requests that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED be sent to the undersigned Applicant representative.

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